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Dear Department of Justice:

Although I was deeply disappointed that the Department of Justice chose not to reprimand Microsoft by seeking a restructuring of their company, I am pleased that you have recognized and acknowledged the company's history of deceptive and unfair business practices.

I am a small business owner, a Republican, and consider myself to be very pro-business. However, it had been clear to me and my business partners that Microsoft has made a practice of keeping its competition--as well as its potential competition--from even entering the personal computer and software marketplace.

Thank you for recognizing Microsoft as a monopoly and for taking action in an attempt to ensure fairness in their business affairs now and in the future.

Very truly yours,

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